



**Sunday, June 04/2023 - Guest Pastor Harold Kouwenberg**

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements  
Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**LUYH 575**

*\*Call to Worship*

Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet:  
the church on earth and in heaven;  
the faithful who worshipped here before us;  
the hundreds of thousands  
of every place and language  
who, on the Lord's day, seek to set their lives  
within the atmosphere of renewing grace.  
As we think of them,  
let us take deliberate encouragement  
from our unity with them all.

*\*God's Greeting:*

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.  
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. —2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV  
**Amen**

**\*Singing: All Hail King Jesus**

**MP #1**

*Children's Time*

Message by Pastor Harold

**Singing: We Are the Church**

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

*Confession and Assurance*

Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us  
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.  
Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done. —based on Romans 8:39

Prayer of Confession:

Across the barriers that divide race from race:  
**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
Across the barriers that divide rich from poor  
**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:  
**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
Across the barriers that divide Christians:  
**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:  
**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
**Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears  
that deny and betray our prayers.**  
**Enable us to see the causes of strife,  
remove from us all senses of superiority.**  
**Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children. Amen.**



**Singing: Most Merciful God (Resound)**

*Assurance of Pardon*

God's Will for Us:

You are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.  
People of God,  
all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.  
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,  
and made to be a community united in faith.  
Thanks be to God. —based on 1 Peter 2:9-10, NRSV

**\*Singing: Cornerstone**

*Proclamation of the Word*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 5:6-6:4, Philippians 3:12-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Message: Creating Community by Coming Alongside



*Thanksgiving*

**\*Singing: Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

**LUYH 252**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ottawa Persian Church (Azgomi Family)  
Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

*Sending:*

People of God,  
not only in our common worship but also in our daily lives  
may we live in obedience to this invitation:

Come to him, a living stone,  
though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,  
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through Jesus

**\*Singing: God the Father of Your People**

**LUYH 927**

**\*God's Parting Blessing**

May the God who makes everything holy and whole,  
make you holy and whole, put you together—  
spirit, soul, and body—  
and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.  
The One who called you is completely dependable.  
If he said it, he will do it! **Amen.**

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)  
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)  
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)  
WS = Worship Sourcebook  
RW = Reformed Worship Magazine

**WELCOME** to Calvary Church today. A warm welcome to our visitors, may you feel one with us here at Calvary as we worship and fellowship together in the name of Christ Jesus.

This morning we welcome **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** to our pulpit. *Please* join the congregation for a time of 'coffee' fellowship after church this morning in the church hall. Have a blessed Lord's Day.

**CHURCH FAMILY:** We continue to be mindful of those in our congregation who are being treated for cancer. Ask the Lord that he brings healing and strength to all with health concerns. We ask the Lord to bless the relationships we are in – marriage, family, and friendships. Let us **remember** each other in prayer.



On **PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1973**, we celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the public profession of faith of members of **my first profession of faith class at Calvary CRC Ottawa. Fifty years later** we rejoice in God's faithfulness in the lives of these men and women.

Grace and peace, **Pastor John Postuma**

## FROM COUNCIL

**YOU ARE INVITED! Pray for the C.R.C. for 40 days, in preparation for Synod 2023, with fellow members of Calvary. We meet at the Prayer Room Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 9:50 AM and will be doing the same till, up and including, next week Sunday, June 11th.**

**Please pray for God's blessings on: Athens C.R.C., Pastor Daniel Zylstra.**

## OUR OFFERINGS:

### TODAY - Ottawa Persian Church (Azgomi Family)



Over the past several years since immigrating to Canada with the help of Calvary's Refugee Committee, **Omid Azgomi** and his family have worked tirelessly with all the challenges that come with learning to live in a new country. As a result of their dedication and a lot of hard work, Omid began Ottawa Persian Church, the first Persian language church in Ottawa! Starting a church is a great achievement and with the help of Vision Ministries Canada, Omid has been preaching online during the pandemic and just recently received wonderful news that, beginning in June, the Ottawa Persian Church will begin worshipping in person, using the Chapel Ridge Free Methodist Church in Stittsville. Funds received through this special collection will go to help the Ottawa Persian Church continue to grow and spread God's word. The Ottawa Persian Church has a Facebook page which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/ottawapersianchurch/>

### June 11 - Candidacy Committee

Your gift to the Candidacy Committee will help ensure that ministry candidates have the resources they need to successfully enter the ministry. The work of the Candidacy Director and the Candidacy Committee is to oversee the processes of ordination in the C.R.C.N.A. and ensure that paths to ministry are accessible, accountable and equitable. Visit their website (or send an email to [candidacy@crcna.org](mailto:candidacy@crcna.org) to find out more information. Website: <https://www.crcna.org/candidacy>

### June 18 - Indigenous Ministries

The Indigenous Ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all creation and in the understanding that we all have gifts to offer one another.

The Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee (CIMC) works with C.R.C. members and congregations to respond to God's call to live in reconciled relationships as covenant (treaty) people before our Creator. It provides leadership and support for learning about Indigenous justice and reconciliation and in putting good words and theology of healing, reconciliation and justice into action. Website: <https://www.crcna.org/indigenous>

### June 25 - Ministry Shares.

Instead of setting a specific amount per member, each congregation will prayerfully consider how much it can contribute towards our shared ministry efforts. *Ministry shares* are an amazingly efficient and stewardly way for us to accomplish ministry together. Over the years, as Synod decided to start new programs, we've used ministry shares as a way of enabling all of our congregations to contribute towards the costs. In this way, every initiative is truly part of our shared ministry.

What happens if my church doesn't give?

Currently, churches are contributing less than 60% of the requested amount for ministry. This means fewer funds are available for: • Supporting new church plants • Producing new resources for children's ministry • Training new pastors and supporting those already in ministry • Resourcing chaplains as they serve populations in crisis • Producing resources to revitalize worship in congregations • Equipping churches in abuse prevention, disability awareness, and racial reconciliation • Sharing the gospel in new ministry fields. With the new system, proposed by Synod 2019, ministry budgets will be set based on what is pledged from churches. If this amount is less than what is currently received, important ministry will need to be cut.

Join us for **FUN, FELLOWSHIP and FOOD!** - **Calvary's Annual Church Picnic**

**Date:** Sunday June 25, 2023.

**Time:** after the AM worship service.

**Place:** Bert and Shirley Vedder's farm, 267 Route 200, Russell.

**Menu:** BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages, ice-cream.

**Reminder:** Bring **cookies or squares** for after church coffee at the farm *and* please bring lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas, games, sunscreen and hats.



## Indigenous Ministry

Hearts Exchanged: This Fall - Hearts Exchanged is a learning and action journey designed to equip Reformed Christians to engage with Indigenous people as neighbours. It's a great way to learn more about the history of Canada. You can participate in a cohort with people from your area! Read more and express your interest today.

[crcna.org/hearts-exchanged](http://crcna.org/hearts-exchanged)

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner:** Walking Through Grief - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). What can you do when grief is hard? In Psalm 27:5, David says that God protects you and keeps you safe. What are some things to remember when grief feels unbearable? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Liz and Friends episode "The Long Good-bye."

**Groundwork:** God Cares and Will Provide; Trust Him - Our Creator God cares for us and promises in Scripture to provide for our needs. Join Groundwork as we study Nehemiah 9:6, Psalm 145:15-16, Matthew 6:25-34, and Philippians 4:10-13 to learn about God's providence. Together we'll discuss what believing these promises looks like in how we pray and live both in times of need and times of plenty. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNREASONABLE AND SELF-CENTERED  
**FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY**  
 IF YOU ARE KIND PEOPLE MAY ACCUSE YOU OF ULTERIOR MOTIVES  
**BE KIND ANYWAY**  
 IF YOU ARE HONEST PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU  
**BE HONEST ANYWAY**  
 IF YOU FIND HAPPINESS PEOPLE MAY BE JEALOUS  
**BE HAPPY ANYWAY**  
 THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY MAY BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW  
**DO GOOD ANYWAY**  
 GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE AND IT MAY NEVER BE ENOUGH  
**GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY**  
 FOR YOU SEE IN THE END IT IS  
**BETWEEN YOU AND GOD**  
 IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY

*Mother Teresa*



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, JUNE 05 - SUNDAY, JUNE 11/2023		
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 11</b>	<b>PRAYER TIME FOR SYNOD 2023 WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>9:30 AM - 9:50 AM 10:00 AM</b>

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	SUNDAY, JUNE 11	SUNDAY, JUNE 18
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>
<b>OFFIC./ ELDER</b>	<b>GRAHAM</b>	<b>JESSICA</b>	<b>KRISTY</b>
<b>DEACON</b>	<b>HARRY</b>	<b>SYLVIA</b>	<b>GLENDEN</b>
<b>OFFERING 2ND OFFERING</b>	<b>OTTAWA PERSIAN CHURCH (AZGOMI FAMILY) CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>CANDIDACY COMMITTEE CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>INDIGENOUS MINISTRY CALVARY C.R.C.</b>
<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>MICHELLE/ALEX</b>	<b>STEPH/ABBY</b>	<b>BOB/CHLOE</b>
<b>COFFEE CLEANUP</b>	<b>SHELDON &amp; EDDA L.</b>	<b>BILL &amp; BRENDA B.</b>	<b>BART &amp; ANTJE R.</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>LINDA M.</b>	<b>JOHN AND SARAH C.</b>	<b>GRACE S.</b>

Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6PM. Send to: [bulletin@calvarycrc.ca](mailto:bulletin@calvarycrc.ca)

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